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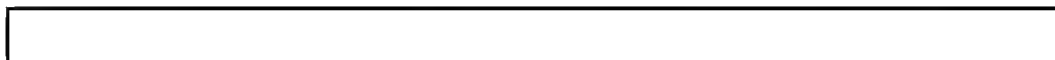
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[ Mexico: Several hundred students clashed with security forces again last night in the capital, and no end of the crisis is yet in sight.

At least one infantry battalion has been brought into Mexico City from outside the federal district, and the police forces have been more heavily armed because of the increased violence. A police commander announced that no public meetings will be allowed anywhere in the city.

The students were unable to hold the large demonstration that was tentatively scheduled for last night and now plan their next mass march next week. Sympathy strikes are in force in several other areas of Mexico. The authorities have picked up five of what the government considers the top ten Communist strike leaders. Troops have reportedly occupied two universities in the provinces.

[ ] the minister of government, Luis Echeverria, made a forceful statement on the government's readiness and willingness to prevent disruption of the Olympics. [ ]

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Ecuador-USSR: Financial problems and the lure of a further increase in cash sales to the USSR may lead President Velasco to accept a Soviet overture for diplomatic relations. The approach, reportedly made by the Soviet ambassador to Chile when he attended Velasco's inauguration on 1 September, was followed by an article in Pravda praising the new President. Velasco had agreed to establish relations in 1945, during one of his previous terms, but this time his answer was merely that "in general, we are moving toward that."

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